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English 1001 COMPOSITION AND LANGUAGE Fall 2004

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**Class agenda:**

1. to develop your writing skills past the point they were at the beginning of the class
2. to develop your confidence in sharing your work and thought with other people
3. to develop your ability to respond purposefully and interestingly to other people's writing
4. to develop the habits of participation and engagement good students need

**Class rules:**

1. attendance counts; miss more than three classes and you are in trouble
2. due dates and deadlines matter; miss them at your own peril
3. participation is mandatory; leave your fear of speaking in front of other people at the door
4. when asked to read something, read it; if you don't read, you will flunk the reading quizzes I'll give you from time to time, and this will hurt you
5. plagiarism, getting papers off the internet, or otherwise cheating are crimes

A large part of your final grade for the course will be determined by the degree to which you follow these rules. I will keep track of these things, and they will matter. Everybody needs to get at least a C in order to pass this class; your grade will be based both on the quality of your writing and your overall engagement with the work of the class as a whole.

**Class work:**

1. a series of short papers that you'll read out loud to the class as a whole; when these papers are due, you'll need to come to class with copies made for everyone
2. a research based paper
3. readings from the books for the course and as assigned
4. an in-class notebook for free writing, responses, and exercises

"You write the best you can, and you take your chances."

Raymond Carver